and the details of the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Programmes for Betterment of Children

2013. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government is embarking on the twin programme of better strategy and compulsory primary education for children to improve the lot of the children in India;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to start this programme;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has been selected for implementing this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (d) Provision for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of 14 years is a Constitutional mandate under Article 45. The strategies for universalising elementary education are set out in the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 and its Programme of Action as updated tabled in Rajya Sabha in 1992. Many centrally sponsored programmes like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal Education and District, Institutes of Education and Training have been taken up, the details of which including the assistance given to Andhra Pradesh are given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry.

Survey on Iron-Ore Deposits in Gujarat

2014. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Department of Geological Survey of India during the last three years to assess the availability of iron-ore deposits in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any private sector group has come forward for setting up of the iron-ore plant in the State;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this direction and whether any agreement has been signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the concerned and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-availabitity of latest Agricultural Technology in Uttar Pradesh

2015. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that latest advanced agricultural technology and know-how has not reached in Central and East U.P. in adequate measure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Following initiatives have been taken for dissemination of advanced agricultural technology in Central and East Uttar Pradesh.

(i) Extension services have been strengthened in Eastern Uttar Pradesh through the World Bank assisted

extension project initiated in 1985-86 and continued till March, 1995, covering 28 districts. The project was subsequently extended to 8 more districts of Central Uttar Pradesh. The project provided for strengthening of extension infrastructure, research support, training/information activities;

(ii) Training programmes for the farmers have been strengthened by establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Eastern and Central Uttar Pradesh. Besides, Farmers Training Centres are providing training in advanced agricultural technology to the farmers;

(iii) Information on advanced agricultural technology to the farmers is also provided through farm exhibitions, print and electronic media, agricultural films, Kisan Melas, Farmers-Scientist Interaction, filed demonstrations, etc., organized by the State Agricultural Universities, State Departments of Agriculture and ICAR Institutes; and

(iv) Voluntary organizations have been involved on the process of transfer of technology to the farmers. One such NGO (Vanvasi Sewa Ashram) in Sonbhadra District of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, has been involved in the pilot scheme.

मध्य प्रदेश में साक्षरता

2016. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेवः** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में 1996 के अंत तक एक करोड़ दस लाख लोगों को साक्षर बनाये जाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है;

(ख) राज्य में साक्षरता औसत इस समय कितनी है और राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर राज्य का औसत अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में कितना है;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने राज्य के सभी जिलों में सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान चलाने की सिफारिश की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो 1995-96 के वित्तीय बजट में इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई है; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा राज्य में साक्षरता औसत को ऊपर ऊठाने के लिए और क्या-क्या विशेष प्रयास किए गए हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग एवं संस्कृति विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) राज्यवार कोई लक्ष्य नहीं है।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान अभी तक 340.15 लाख रु० की राशि संस्वीकृत की गई है।

(ङ) राज्य में औसत साक्षरता को बढ़ाने के लिए एक पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियानों को एक प्रमुख नीति के रूप में अपनाया गया है।